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FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The Yelverton marriage case has recently accomplished another stage of its tedious journey, and a general overturn of the principal characters has taken place. In July last a Scotch Judge decided against the claim of Theresa Longworth to be considered the lawful wife of Major Yelverton, and in favor of the other wife. The case was then appealed, and that decision has been reversed; so that Theresa Longworth is now Theresa Yelverton, and she who was acknowledged Mrs. Yelverton till this last decision is allowed to resume her maiden name. She, in her turn, appeals to some court or other, and in due course of law shall have another decision.

Meanwhile, Theresa Yelverton, *sic* Longworth, the heroine of this *cause célèbre*, has authorized the publication in an Edinburgh paper of the correspondence between herself and Major Yelverton, and has accompanied the same with a preface written by herself, wherein she says that she has suffered such injustice through the publication of bits of the correspondence, often twisted by malignant commentators out of their original meaning, and always requiring the aid of the context to explain them truthfully, that she has determined to put forth a correct edition of the letters; and she concludes by saying: "I believe the purer the mind of the reader the less evil will be found in them." A faint idea of the force of the lady's style may be gained from the following sentence, wherein she refers to the interpretations put upon what she wrote. She says: "Hence, amid a hornet's nest of commentators—friendly bunglers, crotchetty and one-sided sympathizers, foul insinuators, and hoary headed malignants—desecration and stupidity have done their worst."

Some of the beauties of the English workhouse system occasionally come out in the journals of the country. Not long ago a man in a suburb of Liverpool, calling to see his sister at her lodging, was taken seriously ill, and could not return to his own home; after being nursed where he was for a few days, he grew so much worse that the relieving officer was applied to, who gave an order for medical attendance; the order was presented to the medical officer of the workhouse at his residence, and the urgency of the case was stated; he positively refused to go till the next morning, this being early in the evening. The next morning the man was dead. Some investigation was had, and the doctor alleged in excuse that the order had not the word "urgency" written upon it; against this the relieving officer stated that the word was omitted because the physician had especially requested that in all cases sent to him after his dinner hour the word should not be added to the note. This the doctor stoutly denied, and the relieving officer as stoutly affirmed. There was no doubt, however, that the man died, and the editor of *The Liverpool Post* thinks it only due to our Special Correspondent.

FROM MISSOURI.

The Cause of Freedom in Missouri.

Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 11, 1863.

THE SENATORIAL STRUGGLE.

After six ballots for Senator, the joint session yesterday took a recess till the first Monday of February. Of the six candidates, one, John S. Phelps, is Pro-Slavery, and five, to wit, Brown, Glover, Breckinridge, Neill, and Broadland, are anti-Slavery—that is, they are favorable to Emancipation and the President's Proclamation. B. Gratz Brown is the most thorough, and leads the radicals, who emulate the most enthusiastic friends of Freedom anywhere in their devotion to Human Rights from moral as well as economical considerations. Mr. Brown is a man of medium height, sandy hair and beard, about 44 years of age, of superior talent and eloquence, and looks at great questions with the eyes of a moralist and philosopher as well as a statesman.

As there have been three days' discussion in joint session of the principles of Mr. Brown, allow a passage from a speech delivered in St. Louis last September, which will show the man and the philosopher to advantage, and at the same time present the topic of discussion.

THE CONSTITUTION—ITS ANNIVERSARY.

This day, as you know, marks the anniversary of adoption of the Constitution of the United States. The last session was a decent and a compromise from the elevated ground of the Declaration of Independence, not less than of the Subsequent Ordinance of 1787, and unfortunately compromises have over the order of the day ever since. It is the work of men who have made it their business to do away with the spirit. Let me honor them for their intent. To say that the Constitution was designed to develop into harmonious unity and to bind into perpetual league the States and peoples that were parties thereto would be only to reiterate the language of the Constitution itself, and the words are sometimes fostered, and moral influences sometimes repressed, that produce strange contortions in the body politic. And so it has transpired in this instance. After three-quarters of a century of operation, we find that the spirit of the Constitution, the spirit of freedom, hate, instead of love, between the warring sections of the country. No fulsome panegyric upon the Constitution—no unreasoning laudation of the Constitution in itself—will either explain or remedy that unlooked-for ending to so many hopes clustered around an almost defined problem.

And I do not propose to go into any such declamation, but shall leave it to those who believe nothing good but what is past, nothing possible but what is accomplished, and who are too fond of the past to care for the future. Let us, however, get beyond these first cracks with the tremor of the earthquake. These days are full enough of events to have their own elucidation; the Constitution in its narrow setting is straining upon the athletic body of an army, and the constitutional adjustment of the high and mighty neck of the continent is coming in storm and darkness, and the outbreaks must be watchful, the penetrations clear and deep, the sacrifices rapid, unhesitating, suited to the necessities. If we are to ride out the whorls and breakers that surround us.

WE ARE THE REVOLUTION.

They who would forecast the results of the great crisis of our history, let us do so by other lights than those relied on in past partisan controversies, and let us not, in our eagerness to be right, let the line of a great historical revelation. The advance, from the day John Hampden tested the ship money before the nation, to the day of the Old to the New, triumphantly.

A simple contrast of public opinion concerning all the questions involved in this war a year ago, and the public acceptance in which the same points are now held, will afford sufficient evidence of the progress that has been made.

A full conception of this truth is essential to my understanding, either of the changes that have occurred upon us, as well as people of other countries, and especially of the changes that have taken place here touching Slavery, first from resistance against territorial extensions of Slavery, next, abolishing the institution in the nation's capital, and now in military policies of confiscation and blockade.

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